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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of February 10, 2006, Applicants timely submit the following Amendment. Applicants remind the Examiner that a shortened statutory period may not be less than 30 days under 35 U.S.C. § 133; MPEP 710.02(b). Hence, the shortened statutory period expired on March 12, 2006. Since March 12, 2006, was on a Friday, this response may be taken on the next succeeding business day, today, March 13, 2006, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7; MPEP 710.05. Therefore, this response is timely, and an extension of time is unnecessary.

Without acquiescing to the statements made in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group I (claims 1-4) for prosecution in the instant application.

The traversal is on the ground that sufficient reasons to justify a Restriction Requirement have not been provided. Applicants submit that it would not be unduly burdensome to search the claims of Group II, IV, V, VII, X, and XI since the Examiner indicated that these six groups are classified in the same class and subclass as the Group I claims. Since the claims belong in the

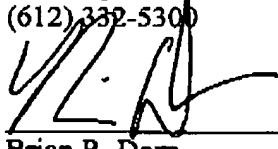
same class and subclass, a search of one group is likely to uncover prior art regarding the other groups. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has not established an undue burden in examining Groups I, II, IV, V, VII, X, and XI in the same application

Accordingly, it is requested that Groups I, II, IV, V, VII, X, and XI be recombined and examined. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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